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Update #3- Sanders Apprehended

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Ellendale, Delaware- On Sunday, October 28, 2007, at 12:13 p.m. Troopers from Troop 2 responded to Meadowood Hospital- 575 South DuPont Highway in New Castle- for the report of a stolen Dodge Dakota.

The owner of the Dodge was contacted and told Troopers that an acquaintance of his, Joseph Sanders, asked him for a ride to Meadowood. The owner of the Dodge said that Sanders asked him to go inside Meadowood and pick up a package. The pick-up owner agreed, however, when he went into Meadowood Hospital, no one there knew what he was talking about. The Dodge owner responded back to the parking lot and observed his truck and Sanders were missing.

Troopers contacted Department of Correction Officials in addition to U.S. Marshals and advised them of their findings. (Note: The State Police, Department of Correction and U.S. Marshals partnered together to seek out and find Sanders. All Three agencies devoted various resources, including manpower, to achieve this mission.) The three agencies set up stationary and roving patrols throughout Delaware to be on the lookout for Sanders and the Dodge.

At approximately 5:32 p.m., Sanders was spotted on Route 113 and Route 16 in Ellendale by Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. The Department of Correction officials stopped the Dodge without incident and Sanders was placed into custody.

He was transported back to Troop 2 in Glasgow where State Police detectives charged him with Escape 2nd (f) and Theft of a Motor Vehicle (f). Joseph Sanders was committed to the Delaware Correctional Center (DCC) in lieu of \$35,000.00 secured in addition to the original \$41,577.00 secured bail from his arraignment on Wednesday.